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ent total of 42 to 20 within the next three months. Notes will be sent later to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary,					
	and Bulgaria requ				
	one half of the present legation staffs. Argentina, concerned about Communist penetration in Latin America, appears determined to press its request. When a suggestion along these				
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Bonn Seeks Improvement of Relations With Poland

Negotiations for improved West German relations with Poland seem to be under way. Berthold Beitz, general manager of the Krupp industrial enterprises, says he has been authorized by Chancellor Adenauer to negotiate the establishment of a West German trade mission in Warsaw-possibly one having consular functions. Beitz arrived in Warsaw on 22 January.

After a conversation with Polish Premier Cyrankiewicz during a visit to Warsaw last month, Beitz returned to Bonn convinced that the Poles are willing to establish diplomatic ties without insisting on immediate West German recognition of the Oder-Neisse line as Poland's western border. The boundary question and the so-called "Hallstein doctrine" by which Bonn refuses to have diplomatic relations with any country other than the USSR which recognizes East Germany have been the major stumbling blocks to an improvement of relations between Bonn and Warsaw.

A similar attempt to improve relations in 1958-59 failed because of Warsaw's insistence on immediate resumption of full diplomatic ties rather than following the step-by-step procedure desired by Adenauer. Although Beitz maintains that Premier Cyrankiewicz indicated a willingness to agree to exchange permanent trade missions as a first step, Polish Foreign Minister Rapacki and other diplomatic officials have continued to insist on full diplomatic relations.

The undersecretary in the West German Foreign Ministry informed American officials in Bonn that Adenauer had not raised the question of a trade mission with the Foreign Ministry and that he believed the chancellor would move cautiously in an election year to avoid alienating the expellees and refugees who make up about one fifth of the population. Adenauer, however, may be willing to make at least a gesture in order to convince the German public, as well as his allies, that he can

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	have been extremely cautious on the question of a rapprochement with Bonn, but there are indications that negotiations are	
	proceeding on the Foreign Trade Ministry level in the establishment of economic relations while playing down the political problems involved.	25X1

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